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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

S. Mark Clardy

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

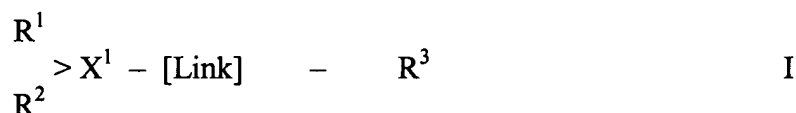
Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/6/2006.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

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Claims 1-29 are pending in this application has been filed as a continuation of international application PCT/GB00/02670, filed July 12, 2000. The priority documents have been filed; related subject matter is claimed in copending application 10/504,126.

Applicants' claims are drawn to surfactants of the formula I (claims 10, 11, 15-17), agrochemical compositions (1-9, 18-23, 25, 27, 29), and methods of use (12-14, 24, 26, 28):

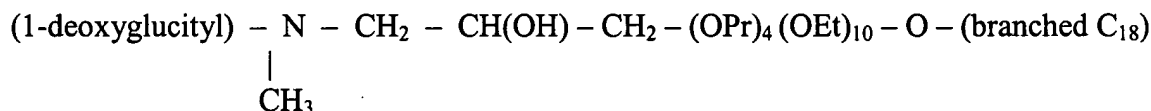


The simplest possible structure for the compounds as defined in claim 1 appears to be:



wherein R^1 is CH(OH)_2 , R^2 is H, X^1 is N, Link is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH(OH)}-$, and R^3 is a C_{6-30} hydrocarbyl.

Again, all claims have been examined; the previously elected species is the compound identified as "SE22" (specification, p. 20)¹:



The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 4, 16, and 19 are again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claims 4, 16, and 19, the term "alkoxyalkyl" for R^2 lacks antecedent basis in claims 1, 15, and 18, respectively. In claim 4, the terms "hydroxyalkyl" and "alkoxyalkyl" for R^5 lack

¹ 1-(N-methyl-N-1-deoxyglucitylamino)-2-hydroxyl-3-(branched octadecyloxy poly-4PO-10EO)-propane.

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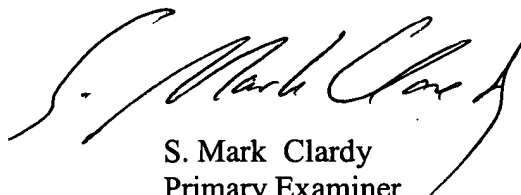
antecedent basis in claim 1. Applicants assert that these terms are within the scope of the term "hydrocarbonyl". However, such a definition is repugnant to the art accepted meaning of the term "hydrocarbonyl", which is the joining form of the term "hydrocarbon". This specifically refers to compounds containing only hydrogen and carbon (hence, "hydro-carbon".) The terms "alkoxyalkyl" and "hydroxyalkyl" both refer to substituents which also contain oxygen, and are thus outside the scope of the definition of the parent claims.

Again, the double patenting rejection of all claims will be maintained until this application is otherwise in condition for allowance.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to S. Mark Clardy whose telephone number is 571-272-0611. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreenivasan Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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